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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations 2413 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1026 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting fiscal year 2023 community project funding for the Christiansted Sunday Market Square Revitalization project in the Virgin Islands.

The non-profit entity to receive funding for this project is the St. Croix Foundation, located at 1023 Market Street, Christiansted, VI 00820. The anticipated locations of the project are 35 A & B King Street, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820; 10 Market Street, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820; and 39 Company Street, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820.

The requested funding would be used by the non-profit St. Croix Foundation to build seven low to moderate income housing units in Christiansted, three commercial spaces in Christiansted, and an innovative nonprofit co-working space in Christiansted to nurture civic sector collaboration. It will also help to cover the costs associated with necessary architectural/engineering design services including archeological and environmental studies, schematic design plans, construction document preparation etc., as well as cover asbestos and lead paint testing and abatement, and temporary protective measures for the construction.

This project is a sound use of taxpayer funding because it will help to replenish the supply of affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income residents on St. Croix, which diminished as a result of Hurricane Maria. This project also contributes to economic revitalization by replenishing affordable commercial space on the island, providing the opportunity for small businesses to thrive and will provide operating space for nonprofit organizations, all providing critical social and cultural services to underserved individuals and families.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Stacey E Plaskett Member of Congress